

Boone County Conservation Board regular meeting  
Monday, January 13, 2020  
Boone County Courthouse, Boone, Iowa

Members present: Marilyn Jordan, Jennifer Schieltz, Molly Ketchum, Al Treloar, Greg Stotts  
Employees present: Ex. Dir. Scheuermann

Chair Treloar called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Motion to approve the agenda by Ketchum, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jordan, Passed.

Motion to approve minutes of the December 9, 2019 meeting by Jordan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stotts. Passed.

County Attorney Dan Kolacia addressed the group about the proposed Alliant Energy staging area lease agreement near the High Trestle Trail in Madrid. According to Iowa code, he does not believe we have the authority to lease out land to one party to the exclusion of anyone else. Therefore, member Jordan made a motion that we do NOT approve any lease to Alliant pursuant to code 350.4 sections 7 and 8 and 350.1. Ketchum seconded. Motion passed.

Ex. Dir. Scheuermann reviewed financial information and bills for the month. Stotts moved and Jordan seconded a motion to approve monthly bills totaling \$18,078.62, REAP – Bait shop expenses totaling \$3,885.33, and Conservation Trust expenses totaling \$4,707.00. Passed.

Old business:

Ex. Dir. Scheuermann gave an update on the 4-H Foundation Clover Woods sale. He recently met with representatives from the Iowa DNR and INHF to hear about their plans. They want to bring us (Boone County Conservation) and the Arboretum into some sort of partnership with them. However, they hired an engineer to look over the buildings on the property and determined that all the buildings need to be condemned and are unusable, which is very surprising news to us. Ex. Dir. Scheuermann plans to draft a letter to the DNR and INHF stating our current position and concerns. Kurt Phillips from the trails committee voiced his support for the conservation board and offered to include a letter from his group to attach to our position as well.

Update on IDOT Highway 17 improvements impact to Dickcissel park: Iowa DOT's finding is that the project will not adversely affect the activities, features, or attributes that make the property eligible for Section 4(f) protection. Ketchum made a motion that we authorize Ex. Dir. Scheuermann to send a signed letter agreeing with the DOT's finding of no adverse impact. Stotts seconded, motion passed.

New Business:

Park ranger Blayne Sunstrom has now completed his 6-month probationary period. Staff are very pleased with his performance to date and feel he is an asset to the team. Stotts made a motion to approve a \$500 wage increase. Jordan seconded. Motion passed.

Ex. Dir. Scheuermann introduced the idea of implementing a Koloni kayak/canoe share program at Don Williams to allow people to rent kayaks/canoes using a smartphone app to check out, pay, and return. The board is in favor of moving ahead and trying it for this coming season.

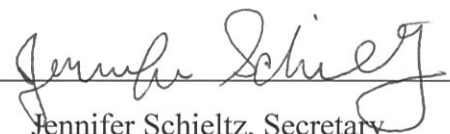
The board reviewed and discussed the proposed fiscal year 2020/2021 conservation board budget, which will be presented to the County Supervisors in the near future. Ketchum moved to approve the proposed budget, Jordan seconded. Motion passed.

Open Discussion: the board discussed potential outlets to further publicize Boone County Conservation properties and activities.

Jan 18<sup>th</sup> snow-shoeing at the Arboretum. Mike Sawyer memorial ice fishing tournament is Feb 8<sup>th</sup> at Don Williams.

Stotts moved and Jordan seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:08 pm. Passed.

  
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Alvin A. Treloar, Chair

  
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Jennifer Schieltz, Secretary